## **REMARKS**

Restriction has been required on the grounds that the application allegedly contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. With regard to (I), Applicant hereby selects the ion-conducting polymeric material that is a copolymer of the following three units:

- -O-Ph-CO-Ph-
- -O-Ph-SO<sub>2</sub>-Ph-O-Ph-CO-Ph
- -O-Ph<sup>1</sup>-O-Ph-CO-Ph-

wherein Ph includes 1, 4- links to moieties to which it is bonded and -Ph<sup>1</sup>-includes 1, 3- links to the two -O- moieties to which it is bonded. Additionally, the ion-conducting polymers are crystalline and relate to a fuel cell.

Applicant respectfully submits that the elected species reads on each of the original claims.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination. Such examination is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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